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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE FUND EQUALIZATION OF DIVIDENDS.....\$500,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF PRO-
PRIETORS.....\$7,500,000

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HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate
of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily
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On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. "
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Credits granted on approved Securities,
and every description of Banking and
Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the
chief Commercial places in Europe, India,
Australia, America, China and Japan.

JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager,
Hongkong, June 11, 1886. 947

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sum less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3% per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank is marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank Business," forwarded free by the various Branch Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager,
Hongkong, June 7, 1886. 764

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£2,000,000
PAID-UP.....£500,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,
40, THREADNEEDLE STREET, LONDON.

BRANCHES:
In India, China, Japan and the Colonies.

THIS Bank RECEIVES Money on Deposit, buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

Interest allowed on Deposits—
Fixed for 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " "
" 3 " 3 " "

On Current Deposit Accounts 3 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, in liquidation, or the Balances of such Claims purchased on advantageous terms.

Agents of
THE NATIONAL LIFE ASSURANCE SOCIETY.
E. A. HERBERT,
Manager,
Hongkong Branch,
Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1066

Intimations.

NOTICE OF AWARD.

ON the 20th day of July, 1886, at 8 o'clock a.m., at the Office of the Residence Supérieure, Hanov, there will be a Public AWARD of the CONTRACT for the MAIL SERVICE (Messageries Fluviales) on the Rivers of TONKIN.

Persons wishing to Tender can inspect the List of Conditions and Specifications—

- 1° At the Offices of the "Résidence Supérieure," Hanov.
- 2° At the Office of the "Résidence," Haiphong.
- 3° At the Office of the Direction de l'Intérieur, Saigon.

And at the French Consulate, Hongkong, where it will be kept on file from the 26th of June to the 13th of July.

Said Persons shall be required: 1° to inform, before that date, by writing and if necessary by telegraph the "Résident Supérieur" in Tonkin of their intention to Tender; 2° to be represented at the Award by a mandatory.

Hongkong, June 28th, 1886.

J. RIGOREAU,
1249 Acting Consul for France, Hongkong.

AWARD OF THE OPIUM FARM IN TONKIN.

THE MONOPOLY for the IMPORT, TRANSPORTATION and SALE of OPIUM WITHIN THE THIRTEEN PROVINCES OF TONKIN, will be Awarded on the 20th day of July, 1886, at 9 o'clock a.m. in the OFFICE of the "Résidence Supérieure," Hanov.

The List of Conditions and Specifications as well as the Ordinance regulating said Monopoly are on file at the French Consulate, Hongkong, for inspection of Persons wishing to make Tenders.

Hongkong, June 28th, 1886.

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DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP. MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
Surgeon Dentist,
(FORMERLY ARTICLED APPRENTICE AND LAT-
TERLY ASSISTANT TO DR. ROGERS.)

At the urgent request of his European
and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. ROGERS.

No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.
Sole Address

2, DUDDELL STREET
(Next to the New Oriental Bank.)

Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 66

WANTED.

A RESPECTABLE STEADY YOUNG MAN
to attend the Bar at the "Stag Hotel."

Good Reference as to character required.

J. COOK,
Stag Hotel.

Hongkong, June 24, 1886. 1230

FIFTH AND FINAL DRAWING.

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given that, in con-

formity with the Conditions under
which the DEBENTURES of the above Com-

pany were issued, the following Numbers
of Debentures to be Paid off in Hongkong
on the 30th day of June instant, when the
INTEREST thereon will cease to be payable,

were on this 4th day of June instant DRAWN
at the Office of Messieurs JARDINE, MATHE-
SON AND COMPANY, the General Agents of
the Company, in the presence of the Under-

signed Notary.

Each Depositor will be supplied gratis

with a Pass-Book which must be pre-

sent with each payment or with-
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Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1066

Business Notices.



ORDERS
FOR
FIRST SHIPMENT
OF
THIS TEA,
should be sent in not later than
Monday, the 28th Instant.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, June 26, 1886. 1241

Victoria Hotel,

Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.

THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c. has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place.

The ROOMS are spacious, well ventilated and have just been refurnished in a most comfortable and handsome manner, suited to the requirements of the Far East.

The ACCOMMODATION and Services of every kind will be found to be of the best description.

An ample and varied TABLE D'HÔTEL is always provided and served in this spacious, airy Dining Hall.

The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, BILLIARD,

POOL and SMOKING ROOMS.

The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service.

For Sale.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING
STORES.

YORK HAMS.
BELL BUTTER.
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FRENCH BUTTER.
ERP'S COCOA.
VAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.
PICNIC TONGUES.
MACKEREL IN 5lb TINS.
RAISINS AND Currants.
Crystallized FRUITS.

SAVOY & MOORE'S New Infant FOOD.
BARNES & CO.'S JAMS.

Potted MEATS.

PATE DE FOIS GRAS.

Swiss MILK.

BORDEN'S CONDENSED MILK.

COOKING STOVES.

KEROSINE LAMPS.

WINES, &c.

GILBEY'S Sparkling SAUMUR, Pts. & Qu.

SACOCHE'S MANZANILLA.

SACOCHE'S Old Invalid PORT.

Old Bourbon WHISKY.

Royal Glendron WHISKY.

MARSALA.

&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT
of

OILMAN'S STORES,

at the

Lowest Possible Prices

FOR CASH.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
Hongkong, February 10, 1886. 280

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM NEW YORK AND SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Celtic Monarch*, Captain HILDITCH, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge will be landed at the Kowloon Piers, and there stored in Godowns at Consignees' risk and expense.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless notice to the contrary be given before 4 p.m. To-DAY, the 24th June.

No Claim will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining after the 30th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims must reach us before 4 p.m. of the 4th proximo, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 24, 1886. 1220

STEAMSHIP *SAGHALIEN*.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo from London, Antwerp, Havre, and Bordeaux, ex Steamships *Cordelia*, *Coral*, and *Cannibal*, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless information is received from the Consignees before 2 p.m. To-morrow (Thursday), requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Thursday the 1st July, at Noon, will be subject to rent, and landing charges at 1 cent per package per diem.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before Saturday, the 3rd July, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, June 24, 1886. 1222

To-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship *Emerald*,

Capt. G. TAYLER, will be

despatched for the above Ports on FRIDAY, the 2nd July, at 5 p.m., instead of as previously notified.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, June 29, 1886. 1256

To-day's Advertisements.

UNION LINE.

FOR KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

The Steamship
Yorkshire,
Captain ARNOLD, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on MONDAY, the 5th July, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, June 29, 1886. 1257

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

The Steamship
Taiwan,
Captain CLEGG, will be
despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 10th July, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, June 29, 1886. 1255

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

COUPONS for INTEREST falling due on the 30th June, 1886, will be paid on presentation at the Office of the HONG-KONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, Hongkong, on and after that date.

JARDINE, MATHEWS & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, June 29, 1886. 1258

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

June 28 1886—

Vorwärts, German str., 612, J. Bruhn, Touron June 20, General.—WIELKE & CO.

Fushun, Chinese steamer, 1,504, A. Crood, Shanghai June 25, General—C. M. S. N. CO.

June 29—

Nanjing, British steamer, 1,930, P. S. Budd, Rangoon June 15, and Singapore, 22, General.—N. MOY & CO.

Reindeer, French steamer, 3,500, Captain Mayot, Nagasaki June 24.

Rosetta, British steamer, 3,136, G. W. Brady, Shanghai June 25, Mails & General.—P. & O. S. N. CO.

Ville de Rivadavia, Spanish brig, 214, M. de Camus, Iloilo June 16, Spainwood—BRANDAO & CO.

Surat, British steamer, 3,140, R. G. Murray, Batavia June 12, and Singapore, 24, Mails and Gen. ral.—P. & O. S. N. CO.

Emeralda, British steamer, 395, G. A. Tayler, Manila June 26, General.—RUSSELL & CO.

Mutres, British str., 1,007, H. Plenge, Nagasaki June 23, Coal.—MITSU BUSHIN KAISHA.

Amigo, German steamer, 720, Thiesen, Swatow, June 23, General.—CHINESE.

Louisa, Danish schooner, 240, Erikson, Freemantle May 20, Sandal-wood and Iron.—SIEMSEER & CO.

DEPARTURES.

June 29—

Yoritomo Maru, for Kuchinotzu.

Tsutoro, for Hangchow Bay.

Sarthe, for Newchwang.

Fushun, for Whampoa.

Iolan, for Singapore.

Moosa, for Vladivostok.

Cebus, for Saigon, Sapporo and Batavia.

CLEARED.

Partridge, for Hoichow.

Graustiel, for Kuchinotzu.

Signal, for Hoichow and Pakhoi.

Peking, for Shanghai.

Freyr, for Haiphong.

Japanese, for Saigon.

PASSENGERS.

Arrived.

For Vorwärts, from Touron, 13 Chinese.

For Fushun, from Shanghai, Mr E. Guria, and 30 Chinese.

Per Nurjahan, from Rangoon, &c., 127 Chinese and 2 Indians.

E. J. SPENCE, British barque, Captain J. C. Pendleton.—Order.

ALYRD WATTS, American ship, Capt. H. A. Hyler.—Dough Lapraik & CO.

ALMA, German barque, Capt. R. Alberts.—McLaren & CO.

BASH J. H. BOWERS, Amer. barque, Capt. John A. Plum.—Chinese.

Borvid, Norwegian barque, Captain U. Henniken.—Tong Sang Wo.

CATALINA, British barque, Captain A. R. Pilkington.—Jardine, Matheson & CO.

CHARLES DRUMS, American ship, Capt. L. Allens.—Order.

E. G. TOWER, American barque, Captain J. Gil.—Order.

G. C. TOWER, American barque, Captain R. G. Dolan.—Ed. Schollhass & CO.

HENRY S. S. NIXON, American ship, Capt. G. W. Pendleton.—Adamson, Bell & CO.

J. D. PETERS, American ship, Capt. G. A. Lane.—Messengers Maritime.

LORONJA, Austro-Hungarian ship, Capt. G. Morsak.—Melchers & CO.

OASIS, American ship, Captain Dillon.—Melchers & CO.

ROTHAMPTON, British steamer, Capt. R. Sanderson.—Adamson, Bell & CO.

SURE, British steamer, Captain Dodd.—Gibb, Livingston & CO.

WANDERING MINSTREL, Br. barquentine, Capt. Hods-n.—Arthold, Karberg & CO.

WM. LE LACHEUR, British barque, Capt. J. H. Vetch.—Arthold, Karberg & CO.

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.

Vessel.

Captain.

Agents.

Date of Leaving.

DEPARTED.

Per *Zafiro*, for Amoy, 4 Chinese, for Manila, Master J. V. Jorre, and Mr Ed. Mayochot, 13 Chinese, and 1 child.

Per *Celeste*, for Saigon, Mon. Comte de Villiers.

Per *Iolan*, for Singapore, 600 Chinese.

To DEPART.

Per *Partridge*, for Hoichow, 12 Chinese.

Per *Strelitz*, for Bothow, &c., 100 Chinese.

Per *Peking*, for Shanghai, 2 European, and 25 Chinese.

Per *Japanes*, for Saigon, 1 European, and 300 Chinese.

Per *Freij*, for Haiphong, Messrs L. de Beyle, Da Wignacourt, and 18 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The Chinese steamer *Fushun* reports:

Left Shanghai with strong S.W. winds and drizzling rain till 27th; and then moderate winds and fine cloudy weather. On

the 27th, off Cheil Island, met steamer *Pochi*, *Hengchow*, *Amoy*, *Kuang Lee*, and *Kutang*, bound North.

The British steamer *Yungtze* reports:

the balance between the \$100 and the \$75 being accounted for by other transactions. The Captain, while not contradicting the plaintiff's story about the mode of payment of the \$255, said that \$100 was handed to the plaintiff in the Sun Kee shop to pay the pilot, whom the plaintiff had engaged instead of doing the work himself, as was expected of him. Of this sum \$70 was paid over to the engaged pilot and a receipt was given from the pilot, on the other hand, said he was paid by the compradore who engaged him, and that the Captain was not present at the time. The real point at issue, therefore, seemed to be the disbursement of the second \$100 by the Captain.

Acting Chief Justice Russell said that before deciding the case he would require to see the Captain's account book to ascertain if this payment was duly entered in it. As the Court was closing, the book was produced. His Lordship, however, adjourned the case till the return of the vessel, as she was to leave this afternoon.

Another action against the same complainant was brought by Yat Ann, the steward or cook of the *Partridge*, who sued for \$69, his wages for two months and nine days at the rate of \$30 per month. The Captain said he was willing to pay the man at the rate of \$15 per month, which the plaintiff said, he would accept if the Captain paid the cook's wages. The Captain said the plaintiff was the cook himself and not the steward as he represented. On the other hand, the plaintiff said that the steward ran away in the month of April, and that from that time he had acted in the capacity of steward, whose allowance of \$30 for himself and the cook he claimed. His Lordship gave decree for \$15 per month as offered by the Captain.

Mr Caldwell appeared for the plaintiffs, and Mr Stokes for the defendant.

A BOOMER paper has learnt 'from a good source at Aden' that all the members of the Italian Mission reported to have been massacred at Harrar are safe, and adds 'this is important.'

The Delimitation of the Russo-Chinese Frontier, according to the *Shekao* of 16th instant, has been completed by His Excellency Wu Ta-ching in conjunction with the Russian Commissioner.

The Mercury hears that Mr F. Wilson, Mr Chia-fan's advanced agent, has made satisfactory arrangements to transfer the Circus from Shanghai to Yokohama at an early date. Thence it is the intention of the management to go to Tientsin and afterwards to Ningpo in all probability.

A BRANCH Office of the Naval Department we hear, is shortly to be established at Woosung. Marquis Liang on his arrival here is to be made president. 190,000 rifles have been ordered from England, and 20,000 have already arrived by the *Rosetta*. *Shanghai Mercury*.

There is a rumour abroad, according to the *Courier* translation of a paragraph from the *Hupao*, that the Foreign Settlement of Wuhu will soon be enlarged, as there has been a general scramble for purchasing land situated near the Settlement, and whether there is any foundation for this rumour, it remains to be seen. In the meantime, the land speculators are eagerly looking forward to its confirmation.

The Northern Territory Times (Port Darwin) of the 22nd May mentions an accident which befell the little steamer *Dicky*, which recently left Hongkong for Australia. A few days ago the coal in the bunkers of the *s.s. "Dicky"* was found to be on fire. The officers immediately ran the steamer into shallow water with the intention of scuttling her, but as the fire was extinguished before much damage was done, this was, fortunately, unnecessary.

The *Hua-pao* says—Although the various fortifications at Keeling and Hooomee have been rebuilt, not a sufficient number of canons have been mounted, so General Liu Ming-chuan has contracted with Messrs Jardine, Matheson & Co. for 35 pieces of Armstrong canon and 3,000 balls, valued at \$600,000. Messrs Russell & Co. have lately petitioned General Liu for the contract of building a railroad from Tamsui to Keeling, and a certain military Engineer on board a U.S. Man-of-war has been requested to make a survey of the proposed route, before settling on the cost of the undertaking.—*Shanghai Courier*.

Says the *Shanghai Mercury*—The Second Prize in the June drawing of the Manila Lottery goes to Yokohama. The news furnished to the glibulous reporter of our morning contemporary a short time ago, of the first prize of the June drawing falling to the second man of a coasting steamer, was a謬. [It is generally believed in Hongkong, with the exception of the third prize, which fell to a gentleman in Manila, all the important prizes went to the Government, who held a number of unsold tickets. If this be true, then much romancing has been done up North.—Ed. C. M.]

The death of another member of the foreign community of Shanghai is announced by the *Courier* on the 23rd instant as follows:—Last night we announced the death of Mr Nachtrieb, head of the firm of Peterschmid and Co.; but in our remarks omitted to mention that the firm for some four or five years past had acted as agents and secretaries of the French Gas Co. Mr Nachtrieb was buried this morning, and soon after the mourners left his grave, Mr G. E. Yeo, Engineer and Secretary of the Shanghai Gas Co., breathed his last, at his residence near the works, a painful coincidence that the secretaries of our two local gas companies should pass away within a few hours of each other. Mr Yeo may be said to have made the Shanghai Gas Co. He came out from England with its Engineer and Secretary in 1871, and it has been under his direction and personal supervision that the Gas Works have developed into the property they now are. About two years ago he went home on a health-recovering trip, and remained five months ago. He had benefited by the change, but was not in sound health. He had no servants, however, till last Wednesday, when he took to his bed suffering from some affection of the heart and lungs, and he died a little after ten o'clock this morning, deeply and sorrowfully regretted.

THE COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE OF THE NORTH-CHINA HERALD opens this week with the following paragraph:

"There is business in the air." Such was the feeling here towards closure for last homeward mail hence. Good news had just been received from Tientsin, and the advices from most of our other dependencies had a strong relish of cheerfulness and hope—if not encouraging—about them. Everywhere a beautiful crop had been well secured and things promise fair for the autumn. The auguries generally are most favourable; and to that, as much as to any other circumstance, the activity and business of the past few days is to be ascribed. Tientsin has led the van, but the cataracts for other districts have been close up.

Steamer Ashore.

A telegram has just been received by Messrs Melchers & Co. from Vladivostock to the following effect:—"Prince Heinrich ashore point Diamas near Decastries, jetisoning cargo, water in hold." The Prince Heinrich which was engaged on a monthly charter for the northern trade, is supposed to have been on a voyage from Vladivostock to Decastries. She came from Hamburg and touched recently at Hongkong. She was built in Sunderland in 1878, is of 1084 tons register, and is the property of the Dampf Gesellschaft of Hamburg. She is under the command of Captain Reinmann.

THE CHINESE POLL TAX IN THE NORTH TERRITORY RE-MOVED.

The following telegram dated Adelaide, the 28th June, has been received by the Government here from the Chief Secretary of the South Australian Government:—

"Please cancel telegram thirteenth May imposition of poll tax."

The telegram received formerly was dated the 11th May, and there can be no doubt that to-day's telegram has reference to it.

The tax has in all probability been withdrawn to allow of the immigration of Chinese who are wanted for the construction of a railway just undertaken by the South Australian Government.

Canton.

(From our Correspondent.)

June 23.

FATAL EXPLOSION ON SHAMEN.

On Sunday afternoon, about two o'clock, a loud report was heard on Shamen. On inquiries being made it was found that an explosion had taken place near the new houses that are being erected by Mr John Pitman. It appears that Mr Workman, the man in charge of the works, had sent a telegram to say the male president, 190,000 rifles have been ordered from England, and 20,000 have already arrived by the *Rosetta*.

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NEWS BY THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. Co.'s steamer *Surat*, Capt. G. R. Murray, with the English mail of the 26th May on board, arrived here this afternoon after a smart run from Singapore. From our Ceylon and Indian contemporaries brought on her, we take the following telegrams:—

THE MYROE COMPANY'S GOLD MINE.

Madras, June 8.—Five hundred and seventeen tons of ore of the Myroe Company's Mine were crushed during May and yielded thirteen hundred and two ounces of gold in April, three hundred and seven tons of ore yielded eleven hundred and thirteen ounces of gold. In eight months, November to May, inclusive, the yield amounted to eight thousand and eight hundred and seventy-eight ounces, worth about four and half lakhs.

THE THIBET MISSION.—The Thibet Mission is still at Darjeeling, waiting for 82 cases of presents that have been ordered from Calcutta. The presents include several dozen sponges and tooth brushes; several metal boxes and an electric lamp. This is the cause of delay in starting. Messrs. have been sent forward to the frontier securing the Thibetans that there is no truth in the rumour that the Mission will be accompanied by an army.

THE SITUATION AT BURMAH.

Singapore, June 10.—According to official news from Burmah, Sir Charles Bernard has completed a tour through the districts between the Mandalay and Toungoo frontier. Convoys of traders' carts carrying cotton, rice and other goods, without armed escort, were met with almost daily. Ploughing and preparations for agriculture are going on everywhere. The rainy season has set in favourably, and there are no longer fears of famine in the districts east of the Irrawaddy. The dacoit gangs are diminishing and have become weaker in numbers. Two insurgent leaders are now extorting for submission under the proclamation. In the districts round Mandalay there are decidedly quiet. A railway reconnaissance has surveyed 70 miles from Toungoo to Ningyan and are going on towards Yemethen. Housing of troops in defensible posts is well forward. The telegraph lines to be extended from Shwebo to Yen and from Toungoo to Yemethen. A convoy of boats with invalid soldiers was fired upon by dacoits on the Sittang river between Ningyan and Toungoo, but the dacoits were easily driven off by an escort with a loss on our side of one native boatman and one private soldier wounded.

THE AFGHAN BOUNDARY COMMISSION.

Singapore, June 10.—The joint Afghan Boundary Commission arrived at Mehtar on the 30th May. The bulk of our party are proceeding to mountain near Mehtar. As Khamis is unhealthy and fever and sickness is increasing.

A GRAND REVIEW AT ALDERSHOT.

London, 13th June.—A grand review will be held at Aldershot on the 20th July, to witness which all the Indians and Coloniials now visiting England will be invited.

FUNERAL OF THE BELFAST SHOOTERS.

Funeral of those who were killed during the Belfast Riots took place yesterday, and was occasion of considerable demonstration. Large Military display was made along the route of procession and order was maintained.

THE MAD KING OF BAVARIA.

Munich, 14th June.—King Ludwig II has committed suicide in Lake Starnberg; the physician who was in attendance on His Majesty was also drowned while attempting to rescue him.

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MR GLADSTONE'S MANIFESTO.

London, 14th June.—Mr Gladstone has issued his *Electoral Manifesto* in which he says that the possible policies for settlement of Irish Question are autonomy and co-operation. Autonomy he maintains would strengthen the Union, extinguish the bitter feud that is now existing, develop the resources of Ireland, and restore the honor of Great Britain; it would moreover remove the stigma of the civilised world, and would be the means of restoring the efficiency of the Imperial Parliament; any half measures he regards as useless.

THE MOVE AT SLIGO.

Serious riots have taken place at Sligo between Catholics and Protestants. The Catholics attacked houses belonging to Protestants and wrecked their shops. The riot assumed such serious proportions that Military had to be called out to disperse the mobs. The authorities are sending reinforcements of troops to the scene of disturbance.

(L. & C. EXPRESS, May 28).

The New Japanese Minister to Germany presented his credentials to the Emperor at Berlin on the 25th inst.

Nineteen Chinese students arrived at Dover on the 23rd inst., en route to the Royal Naval College at Portsmouth, to study engineering and naval architecture.

The British ship *Lenni Burrell*, from New York for Shanghai, which put into St. Thomas in distress is discharging her cargo. Two thousand cases of kerosene were disposed of by public auction on April 20 for about \$250.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

The *China Mail* of the 25th instant says—The death of three of our prominent residents within the short period of four days is a sad calamity, and one in all probability without a parallel in the history of these settlements. With deep regret we have to announce the third and latest of these deaths, that of Mr Oscar de Legge, Acting Consul-General for Sweden and Norway, which took place this morning about 6 o'clock at the Austro-Hungarian Consulate. Deceased was born in Stockholm in 1816—the 26th October 1887—and belonged to a very ancient and illustrious Swedish family, a younger brother of the Papal Nuncio in Paris who has informed the Pope that the French Government has favourably received the explanations of the Vatican with regard to the establishment of relations between China and the Holy See.

Messrs Scott and Co. have launched at Cartagena a twin screw steel steamer of 1,600 tons for the China Steam Navigation Company. The new vessel, which was named the *Tungshoo*, is 255 feet in length, 34 feet in breadth, and 21 feet in depth.

The *Tungshoo* will be furnished by Captain Winsor. From what the *Courier* could gather the *Tungshoo* was steaming up river ahead of the *Mefeo*. When near Woon-sung, the *Tungshoo*, at the time going slow, passed a junk, leaving it on its starboard side. The *Mefeo*, which was just astern, attempted to pass between the junk and the *Tungshoo*, but the latter steamer was at that time close upon a bank, and could not keep away any more. Apparently the *Mefeo* had starboarded to clear the junk, and being an awkward boat to steer, she sheered in and struck the *Tungshoo* on the starboard side, just astern of the fore-rigging, smashing in the *Tungshoo*'s "half-round" and breaking one of the plates of the hull, besides twisting several frames.

The *Courier* believes that the *Mefeo*'s engines were going full-speed astern at the time of the accident, and, but for this, and her overhauling bow, the result of the accident must have been much more serious.

As it was the overhang, or clipper bow of the *Mefeo*, broke through into the officer's rooms, causing such a smash that two of them will have been much more seriously injured than they are.

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Hongkong, November 5, 1883. 655

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Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 406

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Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

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If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

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Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 7th July, 1886. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

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G. DE CHAMPERAUX,

Agent.

Hongkong, June 22, 1886. 1210

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Hongkong, May 31, 1886. 1064

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Hongkong, January 28, 1886. 192

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For further Particulars regarding FREIGHT and PASSAGE, apply to the PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY's Office, Hongkong.

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Shipments are particularly requested to note the terms and conditions of the Company's Black List of Lading.

Passengers desirous of insuring their baggage can do so on application at the Company's Office.

N.B.—This Steamer takes Passengers and Cargo for MARETTES.

E. L. WOODIN, Acting Superintendent.

Hongkong, June 10, 1886. 1193

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C. D. HARMAN, Agent.

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